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SUBJECT: TERRORISM - ARGENTINA

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 089849 ACTION ASUNCION, BRASILIA,
LA PAZ, LIMA, MONTEVIDEO, SANTIAGO, INFO BUENOS AIRES,
RIO DE JANEIRO, SAO PAULO1 MAY 1974. QUOTE:

1. RECENT INTELLIGENCE AND THE LAUN KIDNAPPING IN
ARGENTINA INDICATE THAT TERRORIST ELEMENTS HAVE DECIDED
TO SHIFT THEIR TARGET EMPHASIS FROM KIDNAPPING BUSINESSMEN
OF ALL NATIONALITIES TO ELIMINATING U.S. PRESENCE IN
ARGENTINA. IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY REPORTED THATTHEPEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), WILL CONCENTRATE ON ALL AMERICAN
NATIONALS, INCLUDING BUSINESSMEN AND DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL,
UNTIL U.S. COMMERCIAL FIRMS, AND OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT
INSTALLATIONS ARE CLOSED AND ALL AMERICANS LEAVE THE COUN-
TRY. INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE DOES NOT PERMIT DEPT. TO
PREDICT TIME SCHEDULE FOR TERRORIST INITIATIVES AGAINST THE
AMERICAN COUMMUNITY.

2. THE DEPT. IN CONSULTATION WITH U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSION

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BUENOS AIRES, IS REVIEWING STAFFING LEVELS OF OFFICIAL

PERSONNEL WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED. A REDUCTION WILL ALSO INVOLVE RELOCATION OF CERTAIN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION TO

POSTS CONCERNED AND DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE FULL COOPERATION IN THIS EFFORT.

3. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ADDRESSEES SHOULD DISCOURAGE NON-OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA BY U.S. PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS OF ALL AGENCIES.

4. THE DEPARTMENT REGRETS NECESSITY FOR THIS ACTION; HOWEVER, IN INTERESTS OF PERSONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY U.S. PERSONNEL, THIS MEASURE CONSIDERED PRUDENT AND WARRANTED. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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